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## Security & Emergency Preparedness



Every person who uses the state's courthouses is entitled to a safe environment. That is true for people who appear for court, for the judges and their staff, and for all other employees and members of the public who conduct business in courthouses throughout Arkansas.

In 2007, the Arkansas Legislature directed the Administrative Office of the Courts to help cities and counties create court security plans; provide certification and training for court security officers; and to administer grants for court security purposes.

Act 576 of 2007 <sup>[1]</sup> also established the position of Director of Security Emergency Preparedness, who is responsible for creating an emergency preparedness plan for the judicial branch and for helping local agencies and governments develop plans for their circuit and district courts. He develops security training programs for court personnel. The Director makes assessments and provides ways to improve security in the courts. He also administers state-funded grants for court security improvements.

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